

# WORLD AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND TRADE Statistical Report

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## **WORLD WHEAT, CORN, AND OATS CROPS DOWN IN 1974, RYE AND BARLEY ARE HIGHER**

### **Wheat**

World wheat production in 1974 is estimated at 351.8 million metric tons, 15.6 million tons less than in 1973. The entire drop in output is due to lower yields since world wheat area is estimated at 222.6 million hectares or 4.7 million hectares above that of 1973.

The largest drop in production is expected in the USSR where the 1974 wheat crop is estimated at 90 million tons, compared to 109.7 million in 1973.

North American wheat production is estimated to be up about 1.6 million tons with a rise in U.S. production more than offsetting a drop in Canada.

In East and West Europe, South American and African wheat production is projected to be up in 1973. In Asia and Oceania, however, lower wheat output is anticipated.

### **Rye**

World rye production in 1974 is now expected to be 29.3 million tons or about a half a million tons greater than that of 1973. A 15 percent rise in area more than offset the anticipated drop in yields.

In the USSR, the largest rye producing country of the world, output is estimated at 12 million tons, compared to 10.7 million in 1973. This increase can be attributed to increased area.

Rye production is expected to be lower in 1974 in North and South America, Western Europe, and Eastern Europe.

### **Oats**

World production of oats in 1974 is estimated at 52.3 million tons or about 3 percent lower than that of 1973. This drop can be attributed to small decreases in area and yields.

In North America, both Canada and the U.S. expect 1974 oat output to be below the previous year's level. U.S. production is estimated at 9.4 million tons, compared to 9.6 in 1973.

Production of oats in the Soviet Union and East Europe is expected to decline in 1974. In Western Europe a marginal increase in production is anticipated as a result of improved yields. Production in Oceania is estimated at 1.4 million tons, up from 1.2 million in 1973.

### **Barley**

World barley production in 1974 is estimated at a record 157.3 million tons, compared with 1973 output of 155.7 million tons. The increased production results from a 2 percent increase in area.

The largest increase in production occurred in the Soviet Union, where output is estimated at 57 million tons up 2 million from the 1973 level. Barley area in the USSR is up about 7 percent.

Increases in 1974 output are also anticipated in West Europe, Africa, Asia, and Oceania. Production in North America is estimated at 16.7 million tons, compared to 19.7 million in 1973.

### **Corn**

World corn production in 1974 is estimated at 297.5 million tons, compared with 311.6 million tons a year ago. This 5 percent reduction in the crop is due entirely to lower yields. Area planted to corn increased by 2.5 million hectares over last year's acreage.

WORLD TOTALS AND SPECIFIC COUNTRIES YEAR BY YEAR: AVERAGE 1960-72 AND 1973 AND 1974												
COUNTRY	1960-72		1973		1974		1960-72		1973		1974	
	THOUSAND	MI	THOUSAND	MI	THOUSAND	MI	THOUSAND	MI	THOUSAND	MI	THOUSAND	MI
<b>WORLD TOTALS</b>	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
<b>South America</b>	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Argentina	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Brazil	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Chile	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Colombia	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Costa Rica	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Cuba	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Ecuador	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
El Salvador	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Guatemala	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Honduras	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Paraguay	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Puerto Rico	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Uruguay	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Venezuela	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
<b>Europe</b>	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Albania	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Austria	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Belgium	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Denmark	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
France	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Germany	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Greece	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Ireland	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Italy	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Japan	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Netherlands	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Norway	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Sweden	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Switzerland	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
United Kingdom	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
USSR	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
<b>Asia</b>	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
China	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
India	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Japan	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
South Korea	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Taiwan	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Thailand	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Philippines	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Indonesia	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Singapore	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Malaysia	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Brunei	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Myanmar	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Burma	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Laos	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Cambodia	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Vietnam	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
North Vietnam	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
South Vietnam	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Laos	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Myanmar	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Thailand	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Philippines	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Indonesia	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Singapore	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Malaysia	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Brunei	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Myanmar	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Burma	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Laos	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Cambodia	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Vietnam	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
North Vietnam	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
South Vietnam	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744
Laos	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111	2,114,744	1,404,111</	

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1 AREA, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES. YEAR OF HARVEST, AVERAGE 1968-72, ANNUAL 1973 AND 1974<sup>1/</sup>

CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	AREA 2/			YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	AVE. 1968-72	1973	1974 <sup>2/</sup>	AVE. 1968-72	1973	1974 <sup>3/</sup>	AVE. 1968-72	1973	1974
	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT
<b>NORTH AMERICA:</b>									
CANADA .....	320	256	340	13.1	14.2	14.0	419	363	475
UNITED STATES .....	532	420	368	16.1	16.0	13.5	856	671	498
TOTAL .....	852	676	708	15.0	15.3	13.7	1,275	1,034	973
<b>SOUTH AMERICA:</b>									
ARGENTINA .....	534	663	600	7.0	9.2	8.5	373	613	510
BRAZIL .....	23	22	23	8.5	8.6	8.3	19	19	19
CHILE .....	8	10	10	12.6	14.0	13.0	11	14	13
ECUADOR .....	4	4	2	4.5	5.0	5.0	2	2	1
TOTAL .....	570	699	635	7.1	9.3	8.6	405	648	543
<b>EUROPE:</b>									
BELGIUM .....	24	17	15	33.6	34.7	34.7	79	59	52
DENMARK .....	41	42	39	33.8	33.3	32.1	138	140	125
FRANCE .....	150	122	114	21.8	26.8	26.2	326	327	299
GERMANY, WEST .....	921	769	745	32.6	35.0	36.2	3,003	2,693	2,695
ITALY .....	32	10	16	19.0	21.1	21.9	62	38	35
LUXEMBOURG .....	2	1	1	35.0	40.0	40.0	6	4	4
NETHERLANDS .....	62	31	22	31.8	33.9	34.1	196	105	75
UNITED KINGDOM .....	5	5	6	30.0	32.0	26.7	14	16	14
TOTAL EC .....	1,236	1,005	958	30.9	33.7	34.5	3,824	3,382	3,301
AUSTRIA .....	143	123	120	28.9	32.5	30.5	413	400	366
FINLAND .....	66	52	55	19.8	23.8	23.5	130	124	129
GREECE .....	7	5	5	11.1	12.0	12.0	8	6	6
NORWAY .....	1	2	2	38.3	35.0	30.0	5	7	6
PORTUGAL .....	233	207	194	7.3	6.5	6.1	171	134	119
SPAIN .....	318	275	250	9.2	9.2	10.2	293	252	254
SWEDEN .....	80	93	109	31.9	34.6	32.9	257	322	359
SWITZERLAND .....	12	11	11	41.3	40.0	40.0	51	44	44
TOTAL WESTERN EUROPE .....	2,096	1,773	1,704	24.6	26.3	26.9	5,151	4,671	4,584
<b>TOTAL EUROPE .....</b>									
	7,207	6,339	6,173	21.5	24.8	24.2	15,522	13,694	14,963
<b>U.S.S.R. (EUROPE AND ASIA) .....</b>									
	9,839	7,012	9,500	12.3	15.3	12.6	12,091	10,745	12,000
<b>AFRICA:</b>									
TOTAL .....	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
<b>ASIA:</b>									
TURKEY .....	664	625	640	11.7	11.2	12.0	776	---	---
TOTAL .....	664	625	640	11.7	11.2	12.0	776	---	---
<b>OCEANIA:</b>									
AUSTRALIA .....	38	40	35	4.8	5.3	5.1	---	---	---
TOTAL .....	38	40	35	4.8	5.3	5.1	---	---	---
<b>WORLD TOTAL .....</b>									
	19,170	15,391	17,691	15.7	18.7	16.5	47,613	28,842	29,262

1/ Years shown refer to year of harvest in the Northern Hemisphere. Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere, which immediately follow; thus, the crop harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in 1973 is combined with estimates for the Southern Hemisphere harvest, which begins late in 1973 and ends early in 1974. 2/ Harvested area as far as possible. 3/ Preliminary.

Foreign Agricultural Service. Prepared or estimated on the basis of official statistics of foreign governments, reports of U.S. Agricultural Attaches, and other foreign source materials. Based on data of September 12, 1974.

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CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	AREA 2/			YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	AVE. 1968-72	1973	1974 3/	AVE. 1968-72	1973	1974 3/	AVE. 1968-72	1973	1974 3/
	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>									
CANADA.....	2,796	2,711	2,564	19.1	18.6	17.7	5,331	5,041	4,530
MEXICO.....	46	55	55	8.1	10.0	9.1	37	55	50
UNITED STATES.....	6,768	5,710	5,491	18.9	16.9	17.1	12,794	9,636	9,416
TOTAL.....	9,610	8,476	8,110	18.9	17.7	17.3	18,162	14,732	13,996
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>									
ARGENTINA.....	365	380	360	12.7	14.8	13.9	463	561	500
BRAZIL.....	30	30	30	8.9	9.0	9.0	27	27	27
CHILE.....	78	97	80	13.8	14.6	14.6	108	142	115
EL SALVADOR.....	1	1	1	10.0	10.0	10.0	1	1	1
URUGUAY.....	76	83	83	8.6	8.0	8.4	66	66	70
TOTAL.....	550	591	554	12.1	13.5	12.9	664	797	713
<b>EUROPE</b>									
BELGIUM.....	86	68	66	34.8	37.4	37.7	298	254	249
DEM. MARK.....	191	129	124	37.7	36.4	32.3	719	464	400
FRANCE.....	990	693	636	28.4	31.8	29.7	2,812	2,203	1,887
GERMANY (WEST).....	1,205	1,137	1,165	33.2	36.5	37.2	4,003	4,155	4,335
IRELAND.....	69	49	40	31.0	32.7	32.5	219	160	130
ITALY.....	293	238	230	15.7	17.6	17.7	459	419	407
LUXEMBOURG.....	15	14	13	28.9	30.7	30.8	44	43	40
NETHERLANDS.....	60	30	33	60.7	64.7	63.9	364	134	145
UNITED KINGDOM.....	363	201	240	35.0	39.2	41.5	1,273	1,101	995
TOTAL EC.....	3,271	2,639	2,547	30.8	33.8	33.7	10,072	8,913	8,588
AUSTRIA.....	103	90	92	27.5	30.2	29.0	285	284	267
FINLAND.....	507	520	525	24.4	22.1	24.0	1,240	1,169	1,261
GREECE.....	86	74	80	12.8	13.8	14.3	110	102	114
NORWAY.....	68	100	104	32.0	34.9	34.8	219	349	362
PORTUGAL.....	208	157	167	4.8	5.0	6.0	90	79	100
SPAIN.....	478	460	475	10.5	9.3	10.5	501	427	500
SWEDEN.....	509	474	438	31.6	25.8	33.0	1,579	1,209	1,446
SWITZERLAND.....	4	10	10	39.3	40.0	40.0	35	40	40
TOTAL WESTERN EUROPE ..	5,229	4,536	4,438	27.0	27.7	28.6	14,139	12,572	12,678
ALBANIA.....	25	25	25	6.8	6.8	6.8	17	17	17
BULGARIA.....	78	70	70	11.4	12.9	11.4	88	90	80
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	370	278	278	22.9	27.2	27.4	848	756	760
GERMANY (EAST).....	243	238	210	32.6	33.8	33.3	792	805	700
HUNGARY.....	48	37	37	14.9	18.1	18.9	71	67	70
POLAND.....	1,390	1,271	1,200	22.3	25.3	24.2	3,102	3,216	2,900
ROMANIA.....	129	125	125	10.6	14.0	14.0	136	175	175
YUGOSLAVIA.....	272	251	260	10.9	11.9	11.2	297	298	290
TOTAL EASTERN EUROPE ..	2,555	2,295	2,205	21.0	23.6	22.6	5,353	5,624	4,992
<b>TOTAL EUROPE</b> .....	<b>7,784</b>	<b>6,831</b>	<b>6,643</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>26.8</b>	<b>19,492</b>	<b>17,996</b>	<b>17,670</b>
<b>U.S.S.R. (EUROPE AND ASIA) ..</b>	<b>2,708</b>	<b>11,887</b>	<b>12,000</b>	<b>13.9</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>3,531</b>	<b>17,555</b>	<b>17,008</b>
<b>AFRICA</b>									
ALGERIA.....	54	50	50	7.7	6.4	7.6	41	32	38
MOROCCO.....	24	25	- - -	10.1	8.0	- - -	25	20	- - -
SOUTH AFRICA.....	436	200	200	2.4	4.0	5.3	106	97	105
TOTAL.....	514	275	250	3.3	6.4	5.7	172	149	143
<b>ASIA</b>									
CHINA, PEOPLES REP.....	1,340	1,300	1,300	6.3	6.9	6.9	840	900	900
JAPAN.....	31	20	15	21.5	20.5	20.0	68	41	30
TURKEY.....	328	300	300	13.3	12.5	12.7	437	376	380
TOTAL.....	1,699	1,620	1,615	7.9	8.1	8.1	1,344	1,317	1,310
<b>OCEANIA</b>									
AUSTRALIA.....	1,346	1,219	1,350	9.8	7.5	10.4	1,316	1,160	1,400
NEW ZEALAND.....	18	25	16	30.0	28.4	28.1	55	71	45
TOTAL.....	1,364	1,244	1,366	10.1	7.8	10.6	1,371	1,231	1,445
<b>WORLD TOTAL.....</b>	<b>31,230</b>	<b>30,924</b>	<b>30,538</b>	<b>17.5</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>54,737</b>	<b>53,677</b>	<b>52,277</b>

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CONTINENT AND COUNTRY	AREA 2/			YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	AVE. 1968-72	1973	1974 3/	AVE. 1968-72	1973	1974 3/	AVE. 1968-72	1973	1974 3/
	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT
NORTH AMERICA									
CANADA .....	4,419	4,839	4,644	21.0	21.1	20.0	9,691	10,224	9,386
MEXICO .....	243	210	210	9.8	9.5	10.0	228	200	210
UNITED STATES .....	3,956	4,260	3,454	23.7	21.7	20.5	9,390	9,242	7,085
TOTAL .....	8,608	9,309	8,358	22.4	21.1	20.0	19,309	19,666	16,681
SOUTH AMERICA									
ARGENTINA .....	488	550	525	12.0	12.0	12.0	585	660	630
BRAZIL .....	28	25	23	9.9	10.4	10.4	28	26	26
BOLIVIA .....	84	80	-	7.5	8.1	-	63	65	-
CHILE .....	53	99	70	19.5	18.0	19.3	107	178	135
COLUMBIA .....	61	71	76	15.0	14.1	14.5	92	100	110
ECUADOR .....	107	93	105	9.5	8.5	9.0	102	79	95
PERU .....	161	185	190	8.8	8.9	8.9	160	165	170
URUGUAY .....	41	35	35	9.7	9.1	10.0	39	32	35
TOTAL .....	1,045	1,130	1,026	11.3	11.5	11.7	1,177	1,305	1,201
EUROPE									
BELGIUM .....	154	153	156	37.6	45.0	43.9	577	688	685
DENMARK .....	1,336	1,444	1,472	39.1	37.6	36.2	5,229	5,425	5,325
FRANCE .....	2,787	2,788	2,735	33.1	38.9	36.3	9,214	10,844	9,931
GERMANY, WEST .....	1,449	1,671	1,683	35.6	39.6	40.4	5,166	6,622	6,780
IRELAND .....	217	240	231	37.9	34.4	34.3	822	825	793
ITALY .....	180	203	210	18.1	22.6	22.4	326	458	470
LUXEMBOURG .....	16	17	19	31.0	32.9	30.6	50	56	55
NETHERLANDS .....	98	90	73	37.1	42.6	41.1	365	383	300
UNITED KINGDOM .....	2,327	2,268	2,313	36.3	39.6	37.6	8,452	8,988	8,700
TOTAL EC .....	8,564	8,874	8,888	35.3	38.6	37.2	30,201	34,289	33,034
AUSTRIA .....	279	318	320	33.1	34.2	33.0	922	1,087	1,056
FINLAND .....	402	458	445	23.6	21.7	23.6	948	992	1,050
GREECE .....	356	411	420	19.5	20.9	23.3	693	857	980
MALTA-GOZO .....	2	2	2	12.5	10.0	15.0	2	2	3
NORWAY .....	182	172	172	30.6	31.1	32.4	555	535	557
PORTUGAL .....	112	81	86	6.2	7.0	7.9	70	57	68
SPAIN .....	2,223	2,733	2,850	17.8	16.1	19.3	3,964	4,408	5,500
SWEDEN .....	589	599	610	31.1	29.5	33.4	1,833	1,768	2,040
SWITZERLAND .....	36	42	42	38.2	40.2	41.0	142	169	172
TOTAL WESTERN EUROPE .....	12,745	13,690	13,835	30.9	32.3	32.1	39,331	44,164	44,463
ALBANIA .....	9	10	10	10.5	10.0	10.0	9	10	10
BULGARIA .....	419	450	450	26.5	33.0	33.0	1,111	1,485	1,485
CZECHOSLOVAKIA .....	799	873	873	31.1	34.0	34.4	2,482	2,971	3,000
GERMANY, EAST .....	630	692	640	34.9	41.2	40.6	2,198	2,848	2,600
HUNGARY .....	328	289	289	24.1	30.1	31.1	790	870	900
POLAND .....	845	1,083	1,300	25.5	29.2	26.9	2,155	3,163	3,500
ROMANIA .....	310	300	300	21.2	24.8	22.3	657	745	670
YUGOSLAVIA .....	292	328	330	15.5	20.5	18.2	452	674	688
TOTAL EASTERN EUROPE .....	3,632	4,025	4,192	27.1	31.7	30.5	9,856	12,768	12,783
TOTAL EUROPE .....	16,378	17,715	18,027	30.0	32.1	31.7	49,187	56,930	57,246
U.S.S.R. (EUROPE AND ASIA),...									
22,394	29,387	31,500	15.3	18.7	18.1	34,222	54,981	57,084	
AFRICA									
ALGERIA .....	646	575	600	7.4	7.0	7.5	479	400	450
EGYPT .....	45	35	35	22.7	31.4	32.0	102	110	112
ETHIOPIA .....	1,755	1,760	1,750	8.7	8.5	8.0	1,531	1,500	1,400
LIBYA .....	247	300	300	3.7	3.3	3.3	91	100	100
MOROCCO .....	1,708	1,602	1,465	9.9	5.7	11.7	1,686	914	1,707
SOUTH AFRICA .....	53	38	38	6.0	7.4	9.2	32	28	35
TUNISIA .....	366	490	340	4.0	6.9	6.1	148	338	208
TOTAL .....	4,820	4,800	4,528	8.4	7.1	8.9	4,069	3,390	4,011
ASIA									
AFGHANISTAN .....	324	350	350	10.7	10.7	10.7	347	375	375
BANGLADESH .....	27	26	26	7.5	6.2	6.2	20	16	16
CHINA, PEOPLES REP. ....	6,408	6,500	6,500	10.2	10.8	11.0	6,560	7,000	7,150
CHINA, REP. OF (TAIWAN) ..	1	-	-	10.0	-	-	1	-	-
CYPRUS .....	73	30	75	10.8	5.0	16.0	78	15	120
INDIA .....	2,782	2,406	2,350	10.1	9.7	8.9	2,801	2,327	2,100
IRAN .....	1,500	1,400	1,400	7.0	6.4	5.7	1,054	900	808
IRAQ .....	733	700	900	11.1	9.7	11.1	814	680	1,000
ISRAEL .....	24	21	25	9.3	8.6	14.0	22	18	35
JAPAN .....	222	80	76	29.2	27.0	27.6	647	214	210
JORDAN .....	80	40	62	4.4	3.5	10.5	35	14	65
KOREA, REP. OF .....	908	816	810	21.9	21.8	22.1	1,989	1,778	1,794
LEBANON .....	14	15	16	7.4	4.0	11.3	10	6	18
PAKISTAN .....	157	164	170	6.4	6.6	6.6	101	109	113
SAUDI ARABIA .....	26	26	26	13.3	13.5	13.5	34	35	35
SYRIA .....	490	350	600	9.0	7.1	11.7	441	250	700
TURKEY .....	2,649	2,500	2,550	13.9	11.6	12.2	3,679	2,980	3,100
TOTAL .....	16,415	15,424	15,936	11.4	10.8	11.1	18,634	16,639	17,631
OCEANIA									
AUSTRALIA .....	1,907	1,914	2,260	11.0	12.9	14.5	2,098	2,467	3,200
NEW ZEALAND .....	74	62	85	33.6	33.5	34.7	250	208	295
TOTAL .....	1,982	1,976	2,285	11.8	13.5	15.3	2,348	2,675	3,495
WORLD TOTAL .....	71,641	79,749	81,660	18.0	19.5	19.3	128,947	155,586	157,251

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	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	THOUSAND HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	QU/HA	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT	THOUSAND MT
<b>YOUTH AMERICA</b>									
CANADA.....	479	520	575	56.4	53.2	50.0	2,413	2,767	2,875
COSTA RICA.....	30	32	35	10.7	10.0	10.0	32	32	35
CUBA.....	139	180	160	7.4	7.0	7.0	110	125	125
GUATEMALA.....	26	26	16	17.6	20.0	25.0	45	40	40
EL SALVADOR.....	203	201	210	14.9	20.2	18.6	302	406	391
HONDURAS.....	732	844	850	9.6	8.3	8.8	702	701	748
MEXICO.....	313	320	320	7.7	7.8	7.8	242	250	250
NICARAGUA.....	208	295	300	11.6	10.0	10.0	236	295	325
PANAMA.....	5	5	13	9.1	8.3	9.2	4	5	12
PARAGUAY.....	7,670	8,000	8,050	10.7	11.5	11.0	8,220	9,200	9,500
PERU.....	230	189	153	8.5	11.6	13.7	198	220	210
URUGUAY.....	80	68	69	8.2	8.1	8.3	65	55	57
VENEZUELA.....	2	2	2	15.0	15.0	15.0	3	3	3
TOTAL.....	23,422	24,994	25,016	53.1	57.2	54.1	12,440	14,344	14,871
YOUTH AMERICA.....	23,422	24,994	25,016	53.1	57.2	54.1	12,440	14,344	14,871
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>									
ARGENTINA.....	3,670	3,600	3,900	22.3	27.0	26.9	8,202	10,006	10,500
BRAZIL.....	10,320	11,500	11,900	13.5	13.0	13.7	13,946	15,100	15,750
BOLIVIA.....	210	207	225	13.0	14.7	14.4	273	305	325
CHILE.....	70	140	135	31.7	25.4	31.9	241	340	430
COLOMBIA.....	750	405	625	11.2	12.0	12.2	851	500	760
ECUADOR.....	221	260	250	9.8	9.8	9.8	216	255	255
PARAGUAY.....	180	250	250	17.2	12.0	12.0	300	300	300
PERU.....	358	314	320	16.4	19.6	18.0	589	616	600
URUGUAY.....	109	149	150	8.5	10.0	9.5	161	189	180
VENEZUELA.....	500	575	575	11.2	7.0	8.7	552	402	500
TOTAL.....	15,373	17,494	17,970	12.4	10.0	10.5	29,360	31,957	32,600
SOUTH AMERICA.....	15,373	17,494	17,970	12.4	10.0	10.5	29,360	31,957	32,600
<b>EUROPE</b>									
FRANCE.....	1,450	1,952	1,981	49.2	54.7	55.0	7,140	10,671	10,895
GERMANY.....	94	106	115	48.7	54.1	53.0	4,590	573	610
ITALY.....	903	874	950	46.9	50.3	50.0	4,216	4,423	5,130
NETHERLANDS.....	2	2	2	55.0	55.0	55.0	11	11	11
UNITED KINGDOM.....	1	1	1	30.7	40.0	40.0	2	4	6
TOTAL EC.....	2,350	2,935	3,049	48.3	53.1	53.0	12,122	16,182	16,655
AUSTRIA.....	115	147	150	55.1	65.7	63.0	631	960	965
GREECE.....	154	166	155	32.9	39.2	38.7	507	650	600
PORTUGAL.....	412	373	385	13.2	13.6	13.6	545	509	480
SPAIN.....	495	525	527	35.5	39.1	41.6	1,757	2,054	2,200
SWITZERLAND.....	10	18	20	27.1	65.9	65.9	26	120	130
TOTAL WESTERN EUROPE.....	3,676	4,164	4,260	42.3	49.2	49.2	19,618	24,445	24,000
ALBANIA.....	103	165	165	14.7	15.2	15.2	139	250	250
BULGARIA.....	633	740	740	37.9	39.2	39.2	2,399	2,900	2,900
CZECHOSLOVAKIA.....	136	163	163	30.7	43.9	42.9	525	715	700
GERMANY (EAST).....	15	15	25	28.9	30.0	30.0	11	45	100
HUNGARY.....	1,203	1,440	1,440	35.5	40.0	40.0	4,259	5,311	5,355
POLAND.....	5	5	5	24.6	30.0	30.0	12	15	15
ROMANIA.....	3,224	3,500	3,500	24.2	20.6	21.6	7,797	7,200	7,500
YUGOSLAVIA.....	2,403	2,378	2,255	30.7	34.7	37.3	7,307	6,250	6,400
TOTAL EASTERN EUROPE.....	7,869	8,427	8,353	29.2	30.0	30.2	22,929	21,224	21,230
EUROPE.....	11,545	12,591	12,613	33.4	36.1	36.7	42,547	45,767	45,230
EUROPE AND ASIA.....	11,545	12,591	12,613	33.4	36.1	36.7	42,547	45,767	45,230
<b>AFRICA</b>									
ALGERIA.....	0	4	5	10.0	10.0	10.0	6	4	5
ANGOLA.....	530	530	530	8.5	8.5	8.5	4,510	4,510	4,510
BURUNDI.....	177	177	177	11.5	10.4	10.4	207	184	190
CAMEROON.....	317	305	335	11.9	10.1	10.1	378	314	340
CHAD.....	359	310	310	3.6	6.1	6.5	139	199	200
EGYPT.....	643	660	665	30.0	37.9	30.3	1,915	2,500	2,550
ETHIOPIA.....	850	900	900	10.9	11.1	10.0	941	1,000	900
GABON.....	330	405	405	10.9	10.8	11.3	367	430	450
GUINEA.....	327	340	340	7.9	8.2	8.2	257	280	300
IVORY COAST.....	1,245	1,100	1,200	12.1	13.0	12.5	1,500	1,400	1,500
KENYA.....	110	115	120	9.9	9.9	10.0	117	114	120
LIBERIA.....	1,024	1,000	1,000	10.3	10.9	11.0	1,051	1,090	1,100
MAURITANIA.....	113	90	90	8.0	6.7	6.7	91	60	60
MOZAMBIQUE.....	468	462	490	8.0	8.0	8.0	377	377	420
NEPAL.....	680	680	680	7.1	6.8	6.8	484	484	480
NIGERIA.....	1,025	1,050	1,050	9.4	8.3	9.0	1,147	1,207	1,300
RWANDA.....	42	50	50	24.7	40.0	35.6	1,043	2,000	1,000
SENEGAL.....	46	50	50	8.0	8.4	7.0	36	32	35
SOUTH AFRICA.....	4,239	4,463	4,500	15.9	20.7	20.0	6,743	11,543	9,000
TANZANIA.....	1,007	962	1,000	6.0	5.5	6.0	602	540	600
UGANDA.....	240	240	240	11.5	11.7	12.1	273	273	350
ZAMBIA.....	152	150	170	22.5	21.0	21.5	340	376	400
ZIMBABWE.....	337	350	350	10.1	10.6	10.6	342	370	370
TOTAL.....	14,973	15,443	15,552	10.9	11.7	11.7	19,107	21,430	21,430
AFRICA.....	14,973	15,443	15,552	10.9	11.7	11.7	19,107	21,430	21,430
<b>ASIA</b>									
AFGHANISTAN.....	456	460	460	15.7	15.2	15.2	715	700	700
ARMENIA.....	137	130	130	5.1	6.2	6.2	70	80	80
CHINA.....	13,170	13,100	13,100	10.9	10.4	10.4	14,400	13,600	13,600
CHINA (PEOPLES REP.).....	24	30	35	25.0	25.3	27.1	24,280	25,100	25,100
INDIA.....	5,750	5,750	5,600	10.5	10.2	10.8	6,034	5,900	6,250
INDONESIA.....	2,175	2,175	2,100	9.6	9.4	9.7	2,162	2,104	2,164
IRAN.....	25	27	27	18.2	14.8	14.8	46	40	40
ISRAEL.....	1	2	2	40.0	50.0	50.0	6	10	10
JAPAN.....	13	7	5	27.4	27.1	28.0	36	19	14
KOREA.....	43	100	100	12.0	12.0	12.0	512	120	120
KOREA (SOUTH).....	42	34	35	14.9	17.9	17.1	62	61	60
LEBANON.....	0	2	2	10.4	10.0	10.0	3	2	3
MALAYSIA.....	3	3	3	21.9	20.7	23.3	7	8	7
NEPAL.....	435	440	440	10.1	10.2	10.2	436	440	440
PAKISTAN.....	530	530	530	10.5	12.1	12.0	573	767	780
PHILIPPINES.....	2,350	2,350	2,350	9.1	8.3	8.3	1,918	2,342	2,350
THAILAND.....	642	650	670	25.1	27.6	27.6	1,736	2,150	2,150
TURKEY.....	643	650	670	15.2	15.8	17.0	1,041	1,040	1,140
Vietnam, South.....	29	29	29	10.0	10.7	10.7	29	31	31
TOTAL.....	27,314	28,103	28,103	11.7	11.9	12.1	30,262	31,849	31,849
ASIA.....	27,314	28,103	28,103	11.7	11.9	12.1	30,262	31,849	31,849
<b>AUSTRALIA</b>									
AUSTRALIA.....	74	57	55	20.6	27.5	25.0	151	157	140
NEW ZEALAND.....	11	17	17	24.5	27.7	27.7	27	47	47
TOTAL.....	85	74	72	21.0	27.6	25.0	178	204	187
AUSTRALIA.....	85	74	72	21.0	27.6	25.0	178	204	187
<b>WORLD TOTAL</b>									
WORLD TOTAL.....	107,770	113,397	115,681	25.1	27.5	26.7	270,740	311,612	297,475

1/ Years shown refer to year of harvest in the Northern Hemisphere. Harvests of Northern Hemisphere countries are combined with those of the Southern Hemisphere, which immediately follows; thus, the crop harvested in the Northern Hemisphere in 1973 is combined with estimates for the Southern Hemisphere harvest, which begins late in 1973 and ends early in 1974. 2/ Harvested area as far as possible. 3/ Preliminary.

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## WORLD ALMOND PROSPECTS

The 1974 world almond crop, estimated at 190,500 metric tons (kernel weight basis) is the largest on record. This exceeds the 1973 harvest of 133,300 tons by 43 percent and the 5-year average (1966-70) by 50 percent. A record crop and declining demand (resulting from consumer substitution of other, lower priced nuts) have caused almond prices to recede from the very high levels of a year ago. For the first time in 3 years the outlook for the world almond market is uncertain.

Foreign production is up substantially over that of a year ago, totaling 90,500 tons, compared to 65,600 tons in 1973. This sizeable increase comes principally from the expected record crop in Spain and increased—but still less than normal—harvest in Italy. Crops in Italy, Portugal, and Morocco experienced some weather damage.

The Italian almond crop, hit by cold rainy weather at blossom time and hot dry summer winds, is suffering its fourth consecutive below-average yield. It is expected to total 17,000 tons, 19 percent below the July estimate of 21,000 tons, but more than double the record low 1973 harvest of 8,000 tons. However, this is still considerably below the 10-year average (1964-1973) of 29,000 tons. The Portuguese almond crop, also plagued with adverse weather, is now estimated at 4,500 tons, 10 percent below the July estimate and 44 percent less than the 1973 crop of 8,000 tons. The almond harvest in Morocco is expected to total 5,000 tons.

Both Spain and Iran, virtually untouched by severe weather problems, are expecting almond crops larger than those of a year ago. Spain's harvest is expected to be

a record 55,000 tons, 49 percent above the 1973 harvest of 37,000 tons, while the Iranian crop is estimated at 9,000 tons, up 27 percent from the 1973 harvest.

The official U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates 1974 U.S. production at 100,000 tons (shelled basis), about 48 percent above last year's output.

Exports for the 1973-74 marketing year from the major producing countries (Iran, Italy, Morocco, Portugal, Spain, and the U.S.) are placed at 75,900 tons (kernel weight basis), down from the 82,500 tons shipped during 1972-73.

U.S. exports for 1973-74 increased by 6,100 tons to 32,300 tons, 10 percent less than the 1971-72 record of 35,700 tons.

During most of 1973-74, world almond prices soared, reacting principally to strong world demand and tight supplies. However, prices are expected to decline this fall as the large 1974 harvest becomes available. Currently, foreign prices still remain at high levels, but are somewhat less than those of a year earlier.

Italian Shelled Bari, Unselected were quoted at \$1.39 per pound (f.o.b. Italian port) in August 1974, compared to \$1.77 per pound a year ago and \$1.08 in 1972. Spanish Unselected Valencias are now quoted at \$1.38 per pound, compared with \$1.74 per pound in August 1973 and \$1.09 per pound in 1972.

ALMONDS, SHELLED: Commercial production in specified countries,  
Average 1966-70, Annual 1971-74  
(In thousands of metric tons 1/)

Region and Country	Average : : 1966-70 :	1971 : :	1972 : :	1973 <u>2/</u> : :	1974 <u>3/</u> :
Foreign:					
Iran .....	5.8	7.1	9.0	7.1	9.0
Italy .....	35.0	16.0	15.0	8.0	17.0
Morocco .....	3.6	2.5	4.8	5.5	5.0
Portugal .....	3.9	6.5	5.5	8.0	4.5
Spain .....	31.1	33.0	50.0	37.0	55.0
Total .....	79.4	65.1	84.3	65.6	90.5
United States .....	<u>4/</u> 47.8	<u>4/</u> 69.9	<u>4/</u> 64.4	<u>4/</u> 67.7	100.0
World total .....	127.2	135.0	148.7	133.3	190.5

1/ All tonnages have been converted to metric units; 1 metric ton is equivalent to 2204.6 pounds.

2/ Revised.

3/ Preliminary.

4/ SOURCE: Almond Control Board

ALMONDS, SHELLED BASIS: Exports from selected countries,  
1969-73 marketing years 1/  
(In thousands of metric tons 2/)

Country	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>3/</u>
Foreign:					
Iran .....	4.7	5.8	5.4	5.6	5.2
Italy .....	17.4	17.7	13.2	9.6	3.5
Morocco .....	2.0	2.0	1.5	3.6	4.3
Portugal .....	1.7	5.0	5.2	4.5	6.6
Spain .....	13.0	16.5	19.0	33.0	24.0
Total .....	38.8	47.0	44.3	56.3	43.6
United States .....	25.6	25.9	35.7	26.2	32.3
World total .....	64.4	72.9	80.0	82.5	75.9

1/ Iran--year beginning September 23; Morocco--year beginning July 1; Spain, Portugal, and Italy--year beginning September 1; U.S.--year beginning August 1.

2/ All tonnages have been converted to metric units; 1 metric ton is equivalent to 2204.6 pounds.

3/ Preliminary.

ALMONDS, SHELLLED, UNSELECTED: Monthly average prices, f.o.b.  
 Bari, Italy, marketing seasons 1969-74  
 (In U.S. cents per pound)

Month	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
August .....	86.8	87.6	97.5	107.6	177.0	138.5
September .....	98.0	77.6	93.8	105.7	181.3	
October .....	99.2	74.0	93.9	102.6	176.4	
November .....	97.1	73.4	89.9	101.7	170.1	
December .....	97.2	70.8	90.9	102.1	172.9	
January .....	97.0	69.4	96.8	104.1	169.4	
February .....	91.0	69.1	96.3	105.7	165.9	
March .....	88.2	72.9	95.4	118.3	166.8	
April .....	83.6	73.1	97.9	142.4	157.1	
May .....	82.7	80.8	102.0	167.3	156.1	
June .....	89.9	79.1	107.9	173.5	142.6	
July .....	88.7	85.2	107.8	176.0	139.5	

## 1974 WORLD FILBERT OUTLOOK

Revised estimates indicate a record world filbert crop of 366,000 metric tons (in-shell basis) in 1974, exceeding the 1970 record harvest of 359,400 tons by 6,600 tons. Prices during 1973-74 soared, reacting primarily to substitution of lower priced filberts for other high-priced nuts (principally almonds).

The Turkish trade anticipates an unusually large 1974 harvest of 220,000 tons (particularly noteworthy since this is supposed to be an offyear in the production cycle). This compares with the 240,000 tons harvested in 1973. Some traders believe this estimate to be rather high, particularly since unusually dry weather in the producing region could have severely reduced the crop. The Italian crop is expected to total a record 105,000 tons, substantially above last year's harvest of 85,000 tons and 11 percent above the previous record 1971 crop of 95,000 tons. Spain's 1974 output is placed at 33,000 tons, more than double last year's crop of 15,500 tons. Production in the United States is estimated at 8,000 tons, down 28 percent from that of last season.

Exports from the three primary producing countries (Italy, Spain, and Turkey) are placed at a record 283,000 tons (in-shell basis) for the 1973-74 season. Turkish shipments are estimated at 220,000 tons (compared to 185,400 tons during the 1972-73 year), while Spanish overseas sales are placed at 8,000 tons (compared to 15,000 tons last season). Italian exports are estimated at 55,000 tons, substantially below the record volume shipped in the 1971-72 season, but 8 percent above the 51,000 tons exported last year.

U.S. imports of shelled filberts during the first ten months of this marketing year, (October 1973-July 1974) totaled 5,455 tons, nearly 78 percent above the 3,061 tons imported during the same period of 1972-73. Virtually all came from Turkey in both years.

Foreign prices continue to rise. Italian In-shell Avellinos were selling for 36 cents per pound (f.o.b. Italian port) in August, compared with 33 cents a year earlier. Shelled Avellinos, presently quoted at 94 cents per pound, sold for 79 cents a year ago. Prices, f.o.b., for Shelled Turkish Kerassundes are presented in the accompanying table.

FILBERTS, IN-SHELL: Production in specified countries,  
annual 1970-74  
(In thousands of metric tons 1/)

Region and Country	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>2/</u>	1974 <u>3/</u>
Foreign:					
Italy .....	85.0	95.0	75.0	85.0	105.0
Spain .....	26.0	20.0	20.0	15.5	33.0
Turkey .....	240.0	150.0	190.0	240.0	220.0
Total .....	351.0	265.0	285.0	340.5	358.0
United States .....	8.4	10.3	9.2	11.1	8.0
Total world .....	359.4	275.3	294.2	351.6	366.0

1/ All tonnages have been converted to metric units; 1 metric ton is equivalent to 2204.6 pounds. 2/ Revised. 3/ Forecast.

FILBERTS: Exports from selected countries,  
1969-73 marketing years 1/  
(In thousands of metric tons 2/)

Type and Country	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973 <u>3/</u>
In-Shell:					
Italy .....	11.0	14.0	17.0	18.0	<u>4/</u>
Spain .....	<u>5/</u> 8.2	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>	<u>4/</u>
Turkey .....	1.2	4.0	3.0	3.0	<u>4/</u>
Total .....	20.7	---	---	---	---
Shelled:					
Italy .....	5.8	18.5	21.0	14.7	
Spain .....	<u>5/</u> .3	<u>4/</u>			
Turkey .....	81.0	67.0	7.0		
Total .....	86.8	---	---	---	---
In-Shell Equivalent:					
Italy .....	24.3	55.4	63.2	51.0	55.0
Spain .....	8.8	13.0	15.0	15.0	8.0
Turkey .....	163.8	138.4	145.2	185.4	220.0
Total .....	196.9	206.8	223.4	251.4	283.0

1/ Marketing year begins September 1. 2/ All tonnages have been converted to metric units; 1 metric ton is equivalent to 2204.6 pounds. 3/ Preliminary. 4/ Separation into shelled and in-shell not available. 5/ Based on Bureau of Census data.

FILBERTS, SHELLLED KERASSUNDES: Prices, f.o.b. Turkish port  
first week each month 1969-73 marketing years 1/  
(In U.S. cents per pound)

First week of	1969-70	1970-71	1971-72 <u>2/</u>	1972-73	1973-74
September .....	61.0	59.9	58.2	54.4	61.2
October .....	61.5	63.7	63.1	---	61.2
November .....	68.9	64.8	56.1	57.2	61.2
December .....	68.3	62.3	56.1	57.2	60.3
January .....	72.1	57.2	58.5	58.1	60.8
February .....	70.8	57.2	59.0	58.1	62.1
March .....	69.1	56.6	58.5	57.2	62.1
April .....	67.5	56.1	57.1	59.0	64.4
May .....	66.4	57.2	59.0	57.6	64.0
June .....	67.0	60.4	---	58.5	67.1
July .....	61.0	---	54.4	59.4	---
August .....	61.5	58.2	54.4	56.3	---

1/ Starting in January 1972 prices are monthly averages, f.o.b., Turkish port.

## NEAR RECORD COFFEE CROP FOR 1974-75

Reflecting larger crops in virtually all major producing countries, the 1974-75 coffee harvest is expected to exceed last year's crop by about 25 percent. At an estimated 80.1 million bags (132.276 lb. each), total production will be the largest since 1965-66. Exportable production, presently estimated at 60.1 million bags, is expected to be about one-third greater than that of 1973-74. As considered here, exportable production represents total harvested production minus domestic consumption in the producing countries. It does not account for stocks from previous harvests that may still be available in some producing countries.

In view of current larger than usual stocks, high interest rates, and uncertain economic conditions in both the United States and Europe, the next few months may well witness a shift in the importing countries from inventory accumulation to inventory liquidation. If this happens, the 1974-75 crop may increase stocks held by exporting countries of some 3-4 million bags.

The process of inventory drawdown in importing countries, which seems to be already underway, was reflected during the last few months in a softening of prices of all four major types of coffee from the peak levels of late spring.

COFFEE, GREEN: TOTAL PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES - AVERAGE 1965-66/1969-70, ANNUAL 1970-71/1974-75 1/  
(IN THOUSANDS OF BAGS) 2/

REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1965-66/1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
<b>NORTH AMERICA</b>						
COSTA RICA	1,250	1,250	1,350	1,335	1,575	1,425
CUBA	472	475	460	475	500	450
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	587	700	715	750	750	750
EL SALVADOR	2,116	2,170	2,600	2,100	2,070	2,570
GUATEMALA	4	1	1	1	1	1
HAITI	1,812	1,840	2,100	2,250	2,200	2,300
HONDURAS	497	550	575	525	550	550
JAMAICA	458	570	700	850	700	800
MARTINIQUE	20	24	24	22	20	22
MEXICO	3	1	1	1	1	1
NICARAGUA	2,895	3,200	3,400	3,700	3,100	3,500
PANAMA	520	650	700	570	575	675
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO	80	75	88	82	72	80
US-MASSACHUSETTS	55	69	49	50	45	75
US-PUERTO RICO	39	31	21	22	16	20
	244	240	150	200	220	200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>11,050</b>	<b>11,842</b>	<b>12,934</b>	<b>12,933</b>	<b>12,395</b>	<b>13,419</b>
<b>SOUTH AMERICA</b>						
BOLIVIA	122	75	85	95	95	90
BRAZIL	23,240	9,750	23,600	24,000	14,500	27,000
COLUMBIA	8,030	7,800	7,200	8,800	8,700	9,500
ECUADOR 3/	969	1,300	1,100	1,100	870	1,200
GUYANA	19	11	10	12	10	10
PARAGUAY	54	33	58	50	40	45
PERU	888	990	1,030	1,030	1,000	900
SURINAM	7	3	3	3	3	3
VENEZUELA	807	900	950	1,100	1,150	1,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34,136</b>	<b>20,862</b>	<b>34,036</b>	<b>36,190</b>	<b>26,368</b>	<b>39,948</b>
<b>AFRICA</b>						
ANGOLA	3,180	3,300	3,400	3,750	3,500	3,600
BURUNDI	254	350	400	355	350	350
CAMEROON	1,120	1,150	1,250	1,440	1,300	1,250
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS	2	1	1	1	1	1
CENT. AFRICAN REP.	173	160	175	180	190	180
COMORU ISLANDS	3	3	2	2	2	2
CONGO, BRAZZAVILLE	15	15	14	14	12	14
DROMEDARY	19	15	15	15	13	14
EQUATORIAL GUINEA	129	120	115	115	105	120
ETHIOPIA	1,814	2,100	2,150	2,100	1,700	2,050
GABON	17	15	10	15	9	10
GHANA	82	75	80	80	85	90
GUINEA	166	150	100	125	105	115
IVORY COAST	3,850	4,000	4,475	5,050	3,100	4,100
KEENYA	832	1,000	1,000	1,265	1,075	1,250
LIBERIA	65	85	70	85	95	90
MALAGASY REPUBLIC	904	1,300	965	1,000	1,000	1,100
NIGERIA	44	90	70	70	70	65
RWANDA	168	250	260	186	266	256
SAO TOME-PRINCIPE	6	3	2	2	2	2
SIERRA LEONE	90	125	95	135	150	155
TANZANIA	823	950	850	800	600	950
Togo	198	200	200	200	180	200
UGANDA	2,887	3,000	2,850	2,850	3,100	3,100
ZAMBIA (COPPERBELT)	995	1,350	1,300	1,380	1,320	1,235
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17,835</b>	<b>19,807</b>	<b>19,849</b>	<b>21,215</b>	<b>18,330</b>	<b>20,299</b>
<b>ASIA</b>						
INDIA	1,209	1,900	1,200	1,580	1,600	1,750
INDONESIA	2,080	2,350	2,250	2,700	2,750	2,800
MALAYSIA	120	60	63	65	67	70
PHILIPPINES	741	840	835	850	865	900
PORTUGUESE TIMOR	47	50	50	55	60	65
VIETNAM, SOUTH	54	50	50	55	55	60
YEMEN	65	50	45	45	25	35
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,316</b>	<b>5,300</b>	<b>4,508</b>	<b>5,360</b>	<b>5,422</b>	<b>5,680</b>
<b>OCEANIA</b>						
NEW CALEDONIA	34	18	25	25	25	25
NEW GUINEA	265	460	480	560	645	680
NEW HEBRIDES	4	2	2	2	2	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>507</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>672</b>	<b>707</b>
<b>WORLD TOTAL</b>	<b>67,640</b>	<b>58,291</b>	<b>71,834</b>	<b>76,285</b>	<b>63,187</b>	<b>80,053</b>

1/ Coffee marketing year begins about July in some countries and in others about October. 2/ Of 60 kilograms each. 3/ As indicated in footnote 1, the coffee marketing year begins in some countries as early as July. Ecuador is one of these countries. Hence, the crop harvested principally during June-October 1971 in that country is shown as production for the 1971-72 marketing year. In Ecuador, however, this is referred to as the 1970-71 crop.

Note: Production estimates for some countries include cross-border movements.

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COFFEE, GREEN: EXPORTABLE PRODUCTION IN SPECIFIED COUNTRIES - AVERAGE 1965-66/1969-70, ANNUAL 1970-71/1974-75 <sup>1/</sup>  
(IN THOUSANDS OF BAGS) <sup>2/</sup>

REGION AND COUNTRY	AVERAGE 1965-66/1969-70	1970-71	1971-72	1972-73	1973-74	1974-75
<b>NORTH AMERICA:</b>						
COSTA RICA.....	1,110	1,095	1,190	1,160	1,395	1,235
CUBA.....	56	50	35	20	75	25
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.....	415	505	490	490	465	455
EL SALVADOR.....	1,976	2,015	2,440	1,935	1,900	2,395
GUADELOUPE.....	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
GUATEMALA.....	1,585	1,590	1,845	1,990	1,930	2,020
HAITI.....	314	350	370	325	345	345
HONDURAS.....	362	460	575	720	565	660
JAMAICA.....	7	1	2	0	0	0
MARTINIQUE.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
MEXICO.....	1,525	1,680	1,835	2,100	1,500	1,900
NICARAGUA.....	462	570	615	480	480	580
PANAMA.....	18	9	23	20	10	17
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO.....	42	53	27	40	33	63
US-HAWAII.....	11	10	1	2	---	---
US-PUERTO RICO.....	6	---	---	---	---	---
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>7,890</b>	<b>8,388</b>	<b>9,448</b>	<b>9,282</b>	<b>8,698</b>	<b>9,695</b>
<b>SOUTH AMERICA:</b>						
BOLIVIA.....	45	65	65	65	75	70
BRAZIL.....	15,039	1,500	14,850	15,000	5,500	18,000
COLOMBIA.....	6,740	6,390	5,750	7,430	7,250	8,000
ECUADOR <sup>3/</sup> .....	769	1,080	875	860	620	940
GUYANA.....	1	---	---	---	---	---
PARAGUAY.....	38	13	43	35	25	30
PERU.....	680	760	800	800	780	670
SURINAM.....	2	1	1	1	1	1
VENEZUELA.....	235	265	300	430	450	465
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>23,550</b>	<b>10,074</b>	<b>22,684</b>	<b>24,621</b>	<b>14,701</b>	<b>28,196</b>
<b>AFRICA:</b>						
ANGOLA.....	3,112	3,200	3,300	3,650	3,400	3,500
BURUNDI.....	249	345	395	350	345	345
CAMEROON.....	1,090	1,125	1,220	1,410	1,270	1,220
CAPE VERDE ISLANDS.....	2	---	---	---	---	---
CENT. AFRICAN REP.....	168	150	165	170	180	170
COMORO ISLANDS.....	1	1	1	1	1	1
CONGO, BRAZZAVILLE.....	14	14	13	13	11	13
DAHOMEY.....	15	14	14	14	12	13
EQUATORIAL GUINEA.....	119	115	110	110	100	115
ETHIOPIA.....	1,346	1,450	1,490	1,410	990	1,320
GABON.....	17	14	9	14	8	9
GHANA.....	66	62	67	70	75	75
GUINEA.....	154	145	95	120	100	110
IVORY COAST.....	3,795	3,950	4,400	4,985	3,035	4,035
KENYA.....	812	988	973	1,240	1,045	1,217
LIBERIA.....	62	80	65	80	90	85
MALAGASY REPUBLIC.....	794	1,175	835	865	860	955
NIGERIA.....	42	65	50	40	35	30
RWANDA.....	163	245	254	180	260	250
SAO TOME-PRINCIPE.....	4	1	1	1	1	1
SIERRA LEONE.....	81	120	90	130	145	145
TANZANIA.....	808	930	830	780	580	930
TOGO.....	193	197	197	197	177	197
UGANDA.....	2,872	2,985	2,830	2,830	3,080	3,080
ZAIRE (CONGO,K).....	940	1,150	1,200	1,265	1,200	1,085
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>16,919</b>	<b>18,521</b>	<b>18,604</b>	<b>19,922</b>	<b>16,995</b>	<b>18,901</b>
<b>ASIA:</b>						
INDIA.....	497	1,150	435	820	815	950
INDONESIA.....	1,598	1,450	1,320	1,650	1,625	1,625
MALAYSIA.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
PHILIPPINES.....	---	22	---	---	---	---
PORTUGUESE TIMOR.....	42	40	60	60	55	60
VIETNAM, SOUTH.....	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/	3/
YEMEN.....	55	40	35	35	20	30
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>2,192</b>	<b>2,702</b>	<b>1,850</b>	<b>2,565</b>	<b>2,515</b>	<b>2,665</b>
<b>OCEANIA:</b>						
NEW CALEDONIA.....	26	8	15	15	15	15
NEW GUINEA.....	250	456	474	554	638	672
NEW HEBRIDES.....	3	1	1	1	1	1
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>654</b>	<b>688</b>
<b>WORLD TOTAL.....</b>	<b>50,030</b>	<b>40,150</b>	<b>53,076</b>	<b>56,960</b>	<b>43,563</b>	<b>60,145</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Coffee marketing year begins about July in some countries and in others about October. Exportable production represents total harvested production minus estimated domestic consumption. <sup>2/</sup> Of 60 kilograms each. <sup>3/</sup> Negligible. <sup>4/</sup> As indicated in footnote 1, the coffee marketing year begins in some countries as early as July. Ecuador is one of these countries. Hence, the crop harvested principally during June-October 1971 in that country is shown as production for the 1971-72 marketing year. In Ecuador, however, this is referred to as the 1970-71 crop.

Note: Production estimates for some countries include cross-border movements.

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## WORLD TEA PRODUCTION UP in 1974

World tea production in 1974 (excluding that of the People's Republic of China) is forecast at a record 1.23 million metric tons, up slightly from the 1973 harvest of 1.22 million. Production in Asia and Oceania is anticipated to be up by nearly 2 percent to 1.05 million tons, reflecting prospects for a record Indian harvest. However, another disappointing crop is expected for Sri Lanka (Ceylon).

African production has suffered from drought conditions earlier in the year and will likely reach only 144,600 tons, off nearly 5 percent from the record 1973 harvest of 152,000 tons. South American production is also expected to be lower, reflecting a smaller Argentine crop.

Tea prices have risen sharply in 1974. London auction prices for all teas during the first 7 months of 1974 have averaged about 62.6 cents per pound, up 37 percent over the corresponding 1973 period when prices averaged 45.6 cents.

### Asia

Production in India is forecast to reach a record 480,000 tons, up from the 1973 outturn of 470,000. The harvest in north India for the first 6 months of 1974 totaled 109,900 tons, up 12 percent over the same 1973 period when 98,097 tons were harvested. Production in south India, at 50,174 tons, also was higher, compared with the January-June 1973 total of 48,126 tons. However, rising domestic consumption is expected to absorb all of the increase and export availabilities will likely unchanged from those of a year earlier.

Sri Lanka's production is expected to be below the small 1973 harvest of 211,300 tons. The harvest for the first 6 months of 1974 has totaled only 108,421 tons, down 5 percent from the corresponding 1973 period when production amounted to 114,107 tons. Sri Lanka's tea crops in recent years have tended to stabilize at a level below the 1965-69 average of 223,100 tons.

The Bangladesh crop is forecast at 30,000 tons, an increase of 8 percent over the 1973 harvest of 27,700 tons and only slightly below the record 1970 level of 31,400 tons.

### Africa

Kenya's production is forecast at 49,000 tons, down about 13 percent from the record 1973 harvest of 56,600 tons, reflecting drought conditions earlier in the year. New tea plantings continue in Kenya, and production is expected to continue to trend upward in future years.

Production for Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda, and Zaire will also likely be lower this year.

### South America

South American production is forecast at 29,200 tons, off nearly 9 percent from the 1973 outturn of 32,000. Argentina's crop is expected to be smaller, primarily reflecting reduced harvesting by growers in protest of the low prices fixed by the Government. Ecuador's crop is anticipated to reach a record 1,000 tons, as new plantings increase productivity.

TEA: Production in specified major producing countries,  
average 1965-69, annual 1970 to 1974

(In thousands of metric tons)

Continent and country	Average 1965-69	1970	1971	1972	1973 <sup>1/</sup>	Forecast 1974
Asia and Oceania:						
Bangladesh <sup>2/</sup> .....	28.5	31.4	12.5	23.8	27.7	30.0
India .....	384.6	418.5	435.5	455.5	470.0	480.0
Indonesia .....	40.1	44.0	48.2	49.8	54.5	55.0
Iran .....	18.3	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0	20.0
Japan .....	84.1	91.2	92.9	94.8	95.0	97.0
Malaysia .....	3.4	3.4	3.3	3.4	3.4	3.5
Papua New Guinea .....	.2	1.2	1.8	2.8	3.0	3.2
Sri Lanka (Ceylon) .....	223.1	212.2	217.8	213.5	211.3	210.0
Taiwan .....	23.5	27.6	27.0	26.2	28.6	29.0
Turkey .....	23.9	33.4	33.6	46.5	43.2	45.0
USSR .....	56.0	66.8	68.6	71.3	73.0	75.0
Vietnam, South .....	5.0	5.5	5.8	5.0	5.0	5.0
Total .....	890.7	955.2	967.0	1,012.6	1,034.7	1,052.7
Africa:						
Burundi .....	---	.1	.3	.4	.6	.7
Cameroon .....	.8	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.6
Kenya .....	26.8	41.1	36.3	53.3	56.6	49.0
Malawi .....	15.6	18.7	18.6	20.7	23.6	24.6
Mauritius <sup>3/</sup> .....	2.3	3.3	4.1	4.7	4.1	4.7
Mozambique .....	13.9	17.0	16.5	18.7	18.8	18.5
Rhodesia .....	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	
Rwanda .....	.6	1.2	1.8	2.5	2.7	
Tanzania .....	7.3	8.5	10.5	12.7	12.7	
Uganda .....	12.7	18.2	18.0	23.4	20.4	
Zaire .....	6.4	8.0	8.0	8.0		
Total .....	88.9	120.3	118.3	148.8		
South America:						
Argentina .....	16.5	18.5	25.0	24.0	23.1	20.0
Brazil .....	5.7	5.8	6.5	6.0	6.0	6.0
Ecuador .....	---	.3	.4	.5	.7	1.0
Peru .....	1.4	1.5	2.1	2.2	2.2	2.2
Total .....	23.6	26.1	34.0	32.7	32.0	29.2
Grand total .....	1,003.2	1,101.6	1,119.3	1,194.1	1,218.7	1,226.5

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary. <sup>2/</sup> Formerly East Pakistan. <sup>3/</sup> Year ending June 30.

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## NORTHERN HEMISPHERE APPLE, PEAR CROPS DEPRESSED BY BAD WEATHER

**Apples.** The 1974 apple crop in the Northern Hemisphere is expected to total 10.9 million metric tons, nearly 14 percent below the previous year's crop and only 2 percent above 1972's exceptionally small output.

Production in Western Europe is down 19 percent from 1973's level. The sizeable decline largely results from inclement weather during the critical blooming period. Early frost, frequent rains, and overall low temperatures during the main blossoming period resulted in insufficient setting of fruit. West Germany suffered the greatest loss; its 1974 crop is forecast at 1.2 million metric tons, a 41 percent decrease from the 1973 crop. In France, which has become an increasingly prominent exporter, production is estimated to be 20 percent less than that of last year. The Italian crop is expected to be 10 percent smaller than the previous year's crop. Italy is the largest European producer. The United Kingdom and Sweden, both important importers, also expect smaller crops this year.

The 1974 estimate for the U.S. commercial crop of 2.8 million metric tons is only 1 percent below last year's figure. Canada and Mexico expect to post 10 and 12 percent gains, respectively.

**Pears.** The anticipated Northern Hemisphere crop for 1974, 3.8 million metric tons, is 8 percent below the previous year's crop and 2 percent below the small crop in 1972.

The forecast for the 1974 European crop of 3.1 million metric tons falls 9 percent short of last year's level. The drop is largely a reflection of the 9 percent decrease in Italian production resulting from poor weather conditions during the early blooming stage. Italy accounts for over 40 percent of total production in the Northern Hemisphere. Early frosts in France and West Germany are expected to reduce crops in both countries by 21 and 29 percent, respectively. In the United Kingdom, a leading importer of pears, 1974 production is predicted to change only slightly. The 1974 crop estimate for the U.S. of 638,000 metric tons is only 3 percent below the 1973 crop.

APPLES: Production of dessert and cooking varieties  
in specified Northern Hemisphere countries,  
annually 1970-74 <sup>1/</sup>

(In 1,000 Metric Tons)

Continent and Country	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974 <sup>2/</sup>
North America:					
Canada <sup>3/</sup>	406	398	393	375	412
Mexico	162	162	161	190	213
United States <sup>3/</sup>	2,902	2,890	2,668	2,821	2,797
Total	3,470	3,450	3,222	3,386	3,422
Europe:					
EC:					
Belgium-Lux.	252	280	265	246	177
Denmark <sup>3/</sup>	83	80	64	77	68
France <sup>4/</sup>	1,876	1,854	1,718	2,021	1,613
Germany, West	1,777	1,980	1,239	2,016	1,188
Italy	2,062	1,698	1,873	2,050	1,838
Netherlands	450	520	400	460	370
United Kingdom <sup>4/</sup>	491	466	350	453	364
Total	6,991	6,878	5,909	7,323	5,618
Other Europe:					
Austria <sup>4/</sup>	188	158	112	187	
Greece	207	225	183	233	
Norway	48	51	50	36	
Spain <sup>4/</sup>	449	571	738	892	
Sweden <sup>3/</sup>	43	43	46		
Switzerland <sup>4/</sup>	90	111	95		
Yugoslavia	277	327	309		
Total	1,302	1,486	1,533		
Total Europe	8,293	8,364	7		
Total Specified Countries	11,763	11,814	10		

<sup>1/</sup> May include some cider varieties in countries not rep

<sup>2/</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>3/</sup> Commercial crop.

<sup>4/</sup> Excludes cider apples reported separately.

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PEARS: Production of dessert and cooking varieties  
in specified Northern Hemisphere countries,  
annually 1970-74 1/

(In 1,000 Metric Tons)

Continent and Country	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974 <sup>2/</sup>
North America:					
Canada <sup>3/</sup> .....	38	43	41	31	39
Mexico .....	41	34	35	36	40
United States <sup>3/</sup> .....	498	680	555	657	638
Total .....	577	757	631	724	717
Europe					
EC:					
Belgium-Lux. ....	99	60	51	30	65
Denmark <sup>3/</sup> .....	10	7	8	6	7
France <sup>4/</sup> .....	536	553	439	484	382
Germany, West .....	551	414	344	414	292
Italy .....	1,906	1,706	1,536	1,570	1,435
Netherlands .....	160	110	95	55	105
United Kingdom <sup>4/</sup> .....	72	69	49	44	46
Total .....	3,334	2,919	2,522	2,603	2,332
Other Europe:					
Austria <sup>4/</sup> .....	52	48	30	54	53
Greece .....	109	104	114	121	92
Norway .....	10	8	13	5	11
Spain <sup>4/</sup> .....	226	401	460	429	450
Sweden <sup>3/</sup> .....	7	7	6	4	5
Switzerland <sup>4/</sup> .....	21	23	13	21	13
Yugoslavia .....	112	112	91	141	120
Total .....	537	703	727	775	744
Total Europe .....	3,871	3,622	3,249	3,378	3,076
Total Specified Countries ....	4,448	4,379	3,880	4,102	3,793

<sup>1/</sup> May include some cider varieties in countries not reporting separately.

<sup>2/</sup> Preliminary.

<sup>3/</sup> Commercial crop.

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